

# Activity 15

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Kids

**What did God require of Israel to fulfill God's forever plan for them?  
God required Israel to love Him more than anything and be holy as He is holy.**

*Let's put first things, first!*

## **Materials**

- a box mix of something like brownies (or the ingredients to make them from scratch)
- icing to decorate

\*If you'd prefer not to cook, you can draw or print a picture of a cupcake and separate pictures of icing and ingredients like eggs and flour.

## **Instructions**

1. God wanted Israel to be a blessing to the world by being a reflection of him and loving the people around them. But where does that love come from when we have a hard day or someone is unkind? How do we make our hearts like God's?
2. Place the container of icing and ingredients in front of your child. Ask them to decorate the cake. Why can't you do that? Icing is a yummy bonus that goes on top of something. It doesn't make much sense to put it on eggs.
3. Begin to work the ingredients together with your child and prepare it for baking. Talk about how it is important to follow

the instructions, and how doing so doesn't just add a bunch of things together in a bowl, but changes them into something completely different.

4. Decorate the treat with icing together and then enjoy!

### **Point**

God wanted Israel to share His blessing with all of creation and to be holy as he is. But we are different from God and the love he has does not always come natural for us. Obedience to the Torah, following the ways of God's heart, will begin to change our hearts to be like his. God called Israel, and us, to be his reflection into the world. God *is* love, so real love can only come from him. The same way can't put icing on a cake before it's baked, we cannot really love each other without really knowing God. Israel could not be a blessing to all nations without being trained in God's ways.

